

## CHARTER AND CODE OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

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### Article II - ELECTION OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

#### Sec. 1. - Wards.

The city shall be divided by ordinance into eight (8) wards of approximately equal population. One (1) or more additional wards of the city may be established by ordinance if additional territory is annexed to the city as provided in Article III, Section 4 of this Charter.

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### Article III - POWERS

#### Sec. 1. - Grant of powers.

#### Sec. 2. - Nonexclusive enumeration.

#### Sec. 3. - Annexation of territory.

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#### Sec. 2. - Nonexclusive enumeration.

In furtherance of the grant of powers to municipal corporations, and by way of nonexclusive enumeration of such powers, the City of Annapolis has the power to ... lay off and divide the city into election districts, define their bounds and limits, and correct the same from time to time, so as to preserve as accurately as may be an equal number of inhabitants in each of said districts, and to designate places for taking the vote at all elections to be held in each of said districts; ....

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#### Sec. 3. - Annexation of territory.

(a) Annexation of territory by the City of Annapolis shall be undertaken in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland. The city council may adopt by ordinance standards governing the form and consideration of petitions for annexation submitted to the city.

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(c) (1) Prior to any referendum on a proposed annexation, and upon condition that the annexation is approved, the city council shall provide by ordinance for the inclusion of the area or areas to be annexed in any of the existing wards of the city or for the establishment of said area or areas as a new ward or wards, or for the change in the lines of the existing wards so as to form larger wards of the same number, in some or all of which the annexed area or areas shall be a part or parts.

(2) Each new ward so formed shall be represented by one (1) alderman of the same status as the present aldermen of the City of Annapolis, who shall be elected at the same election at which the questions of annexation is referred, and any such alderman or aldermen so elected shall hold office until the expiration of the terms of the aldermen of the City of Annapolis in office at the time of such election. A person may not be elected an alderman for any new ward of the city so established unless having resided in the area included in the new ward for a period of at least one (1) year immediately preceding his election and unless also having been a qualified voter of Anne Arundel County, registered in the area for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the

election. A person so elected as an alderman may not qualify and take office unless the proposed annexation of the area in which the person resides is approved in the manner prescribed by law.

(d) Following an annexation, the city council shall enact, in the manner prescribed by law, appropriate ordinances and amendments of this Charter, changing the boundaries of the city and increasing the number of the wards of the city, if any such increase was provided by ordinance as above provided.

(Amended by Res. CA-2-95 § 1)

Sec. 4. - Eminent domain.

The city may exercise the power of eminent domain in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland, subject to any supplemental procedures or requirements which may be established by the city council by ordinance.